

**CITY FINANCING  
HIT BY BUREAU**

Municipal Research Body's  
Charter Bulletin Raps  
"Tin-Box" Methods

URGES MAYOR'S BUDGET

Plan Now Is of Receipts and  
Disbursements Instead of  
Revenue and Expense

The third of the series of bulletins on charter revision being issued by the Bureau of Municipal Research has to do with "tin-box financing," and suggests metropolitan purse strings for the city so that it can keep its expenses within its income.

Methods by which the city can keep closer track of revenue and expenditures are outlined. Financial legislation, under which Philadelphia has operated since 1879 is condemned as setting up a standard of receipts and disbursements rather than one of revenue and expense.

The pamphlet calls attention to the fact that while operating on the cash receipts and disbursement basis the city has failed to live within its income, and has, as a result, borrowed on bonds millions of dollars for policemen's and firemen's salaries, pens, pencils, soap, coal, junkets, etc.

**Mayor's Budget Remedy**

The remedy in the charter revision bill is pointed out to be a Mayor's budget in exhaustive detail, a later audit of the budget by the City Controller and its final submission to Councils with final power in that body. In referring to the charter provisions, the bureau says:

"The article finds a way out of a difficulty under which cities have labored from time immemorial—namely, the practical impossibility of trying to settle in advance upon all the details of a year's financial program or to foresee all the needs of each of the departments during a coming year. Appropriation ordinances therefore have worked great inequalities by giving some departments too much and others too little for their actual needs.

The charter revision bill makes it unnecessary for Council, so long as it has adopted a general program for the year, immediately to settle all details. The authorizations of the several departments to incur the liability incident to the carrying on of their work may be made from time to time and for whatever length of time it seems desirable. The expectation is that Council will keep within the program it has adopted.

"If it fails to keep expenses within revenues a deficit results, and the bill provides that the amount of the deficit shall be set forth in bold figures in the next year's budget estimates and shall have priority over the next year's expenses. Deficits are therefore prevented from accumulating and the public is enabled to judge each deficit on its merits and to know definitely to what year and what administration a deficit is chargeable.

**Other Benefits of Plan**

"It is also made possible to begin a piece of work or enter into a long-term contract without having to provide for the whole cost in the first year's tax levy, and it is made possible for the fiscal officer of the city to pay, when they fall due, the bills that have been legally incurred, with any money that is then available, without any special transfer by ordinance, thereby opening the way to the cutting down of unnecessary interest charges and the elimination of the expensive process of buying against hoped-for future appropriations. Presently now, when a department's appropriation for a given purpose is exhausted, the only way an article can be obtained is by asking the dealer to deliver it at his own price, in the hope of getting his money in the future—a species of 'government by donation'—that costs Philadelphia considerable."

**LA CITTA' DI VIENNA  
TOTALMENTE ISOLATA**

La Grave Situazione Causata  
dallo Sciopero Ferro-  
viario

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Copenhagen, 29 marzo.—Lo sciopero ferroviario in Austria si è esteso alle ferrovie del nord ed in conseguenza la città di Vienna è rimasta completamente isolata. Si dice che qualora non sarà riattivato il servizio, la mancanza dell'arrivo dei treni vivrà costringerà la riduzione delle razioni di pane alla metà, per la prossima settimana.

Rapporti qui giunti recano che anche gli impiegati delle ferrovie di stato hanno scioperato, ma che i negoziati tra il governo e le unioni dei ferrovieri continuano.

Parigi, 28 marzo.—La notizia pubblicata da qualche giornale, circa correnti rivoluzionarie in Italia, non hanno alcun fondamento. La situazione nel paese è comparativamente molto migliore di quella di altri Stati. Le notizie suddette vengono diffuse allo scopo di creare un ambiente diffidente ed ostile all'Italia.

I giornali francesi pubblicano che durante l'occupazione italiana la situazione nell'Italia è stata sempre ottima. La stessa popolazione aveva della campagna ha accolto con viva simpatia le truppe italiane. Tutte le scuole italiane e le case furono aperte. A tutti i fanciulli che si trovano in miserevole stato di deperimento fisico viene fornita dai comandi militari la refezione scolastica e vengono distribuiti indumenti e libri scolastici.

Parigi, 28 marzo.—Un Consiglio di Ministri e Segretari per gli Affari Esteri della Francia, Inghilterra, Stati Uniti ed Italia è stato creato per lavorare simultaneamente con quello dei Ministri e Presidente Wilson, ma in differenti rami delle grandi questioni tecniche implicate per risolvere la pace. Questa azione è stata necessaria nell'interesse di una sollecita soluzione.

Anniversary Month Concerts  
In the Grand Court at 9, 11 and 4:30  
Piano for Melody at 11:55, with Chimes  
at stroke of 12.  
In Egyptian Hall at 2:30

WANAMAKER'S

DOWN STAIRS STORE

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WEATHER  
Colder

**March Will Go Out With a Rush of Fine Spring  
Merchandise in Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store**

**A Raincoat Is a Good  
Investment**

for any man to make right now. With April only a few days off and showers looming up on the horizon, he will save himself much trouble and annoyance if he has good protection.

A new lot of men's sturdy rubberized coats in dark gray or tan are \$7.50.

(Gallery, Market)

**Children's Umbrellas  
\$1.35**

These are just the thing for the kiddie to carry to school. They are covered with American taffeta (cotton) mounted on strong paragon frames. The handles are either plain mission or crook style.

(Market)

**Lovely Colorings  
in Plain Voiles**

Women planning their Summer frocks can choose no prettier cotton material than these plain-color voiles.

This is a highly mercerized quality, 44 inches wide (a width that cuts to advantage) and comes in flesh, pink, heliotrope, gold, biscuit, light gray and smoko, sky navy and cadet blue, rose, Nile and reseda green.

48c a Yard

Plain white voile, 44 inches wide, is a third less than regular price at 40c a yard.

(Central)

**Useful Laces  
at Little Prices**

Imitation crochet laces in 2 and 2½ inch insertions and edgings are special at 12½c a yard. Good, durable laces for centerpieces, curtains and the like.

Imitation filet laces, both insertions and edgings, are in many pretty patterns in either white or cream color. ¾ to 5 inch widths are pretty for curtains, underwear and scarfs. 5c to 38c a yard.

(Central)

**Snowy Table Damasks**

Spring seems to be the time for replenishing stocks of tablecloths and such, and a good stock is here to choose from. All are full bleached.

Mercerized cotton damask, 58 inches wide in six pretty designs, 60c a yard.

Heavy mercerized cotton damask, in four pretty designs, 64 inches wide, 80c a yard.

Extra heavy satin-finish cotton damask, 72 inches wide in four pretty designs, \$1 a yard.

(Chestnut)

**Georgette Crepe  
Lends Soft Grace to  
Spring Dresses**

Sometimes frocks are made entirely of this delightful crepe, like the taupe dress sketched on the left, which is \$19.75.

Again, it is used in combination with figured foulard to make a fresh and lovely frock like the other one shown in the sketch. This frock has a pleated overskirt of Georgette edged with a wide band of silk. In tan, navy and Copenhagen at \$25.

Another charming dress of Georgette crepe combined with crepe de chine is embroidered with small and shining black beads. In navy blue at \$25.

A blue-and-white figured Georgette crepe dress is made with an overblouse and overskirt of plain blue Georgette trimmed with fringe. \$29.75.

**Taffeta Frocks at \$15**  
form a gay and varied company. Some have sleeves or beaded vests of Georgette crepe; others are made with little coats. In navy, taupe, black and Copenhagen.

Other afternoon frocks at prices ranging upwards to \$85.

**Two Special Groups of Serge  
Dresses, \$10 and \$12.75**  
These are mostly in navy blue trimmed with braid used in various ways or with serge loops and many buttons.

(Market)

**Pretty Gingham  
Special at 35c Yard**

Ginghams are more popular and prettier than ever this year. And when you see these well-blended plaids and dainty checks you will wonder that so many women are buying them for frocks, skirts and kiddies' dresses.

Among these new ones there is fine choosing in large plaids in blues, pinks and yellows, as well as the smaller checks. All are 32 inches wide.

(Central)

**New Silks as Good  
as They Are Pretty**

Lustrous, good quality taffeta in plain street shades (taupe, black, navy, green and brown) and lovely changeable shades, 35 inches wide at \$2 a yard.

Satins

Soft, shimmering satins in plenty of the good dark street shades are \$2 and \$2.25 for a 35-inch width and \$2.50 for a 40-inch width.

Striped Tub Silks

for women's tailored blouses and for men's shirts are in pretty colored stripes on white grounds. 36 inches wide at \$1.55 a yard.

Rajah Silk

in natural, green, King's or Belgian blue, dove gray and white is 35 inches wide at \$2 a yard.

(Central)



\$25 \$19.75 \$29.75

**New Coats and Wraps  
in Remarkable  
Variety**

Every day something new and fine is coming in to delight you. Capes are here in every conceivable and desirable style, short ones and long ones, sports and dress models, and dolmans in delightful and varied array. And materials are splendid—serges, silvertones, Poiret twills, velours and poplins are among them.

From \$15 to \$19.75 there are many delightful models in such materials as silvertones, Poiret twills, suede velours, serges and poplin. The cape sketched is made of velour, trimmed with buttons of the same material. It comes in navy, sand, taupe and Pekin and the price is \$19.75.

Between \$25 and \$29.75 there is a large selection of silvertones, gabardines, suede velours, poplins or serges made in many varied and fascinating styles. The cape sketched is \$25, and is reversible and trimmed with fringe. It comes in tan or navy. At \$29.75 there is a serge dolman, fully lined with silk, with a throw collar and yoke back. It is sketched.

From \$29.75 to \$145 are a number of good models in all the finer materials. There are not many of a kind, but many kinds to choose from.

(Market)

**Cretonne-Covered  
Chair Cushions 75c**

There is a good assortment of these cushions covered with heavy cretonne in light and dark colors.

They make fine cushions for porch or bedroom chairs.

(Chestnut)

**Home Protection for  
Your Valuables**

These safes are particularly adapted for home use. They are not only fire and burglar proof, but by use of a composition wall peculiar to this safe, are damp-proof, and jewelry, silverware or important papers cannot be ruined. They are not unpleasant to the eye nor do they spoil the effect of fine home furnishings.

Outside Dimensions Price With Cabinet Without Cabinet  
Height Width Depth  
17½ in. 11 in. 13½ in. \$35 \$33  
22½ in. 14 in. 16 in. 45 42  
25 in. 16 in. 19 in. 50 47  
31 in. 21 in. 20½ in. 75 72

Stout steel boxes with substantial locks are \$4.25 to \$7.25.

Serviceable tin cash boxes are \$1.10 to \$11.50.

(Central)



\$35 \$22.75

**Here's Jollity! Spring  
Suits Hold Court**

Women's suits are so youthful and gay and becoming this season that looking at them is a joy and slipping into their jaunty little jackets is a treat!

It's not an expensive treat, either, since prices start as low as \$16.50 for a very pretty box suit of wool poplin with a vest and collar of pongee. Another, with a jacket pleated all around, is in navy, taupe and Pekin at the same price.

At \$22.75 there are several attractive models in box suits of poplin or of serge. A serge suit at this price is sketched. It has soft revers which roll back from an embroidered vest of sand, Copenhagen or henna tricolette.

Among the Finer Suits

of serge, gabardine, silvertone and tricotine is the other suit that is sketched. It is a blouse model, trimmed with many rows of black silk braid, and can be had in navy blue serge at \$35. Many other delightful suits at \$35, \$37.50 and upward to \$75.

Special—Wool Jersey Suits, \$25 and \$29.75

In the group at \$25 are plain-color jerseys in green, taupe and Copenhagen. In the \$29.75 group are novelty suits in fose, tan and gray with contrasting collars, and good-looking suits in brown-and-green heather mixtures.

(Market)

HANDY pencils are these metal ones equipped with pocket clips. Silver-plated at \$1, sterling silver at \$2.50 and \$3. Gold-plated pencils are \$3 and \$3.50.

(Commercial Stationery, Central)

**Piles of Aprons  
at Little Prices**

Housecleaning time isn't far off and it's wise to be prepared with plenty of aprons.

Round, snowy tea aprons with hemstitched ruffles and pockets are 35c; or with deep embroidery ruffles at 50c.

Checked gingham round aprons with a deep ruffle and pocket and plain gore aprons with pockets at 50c.

Special at \$1

A big bungalow apron of blue-and-white checked gingham is piped with white around the neck and short sleeves. There is a pocket.

At \$1.50

an apron (it is more like a dress) fastens down the side and has elastic at the waist. It is of blue-and-white-striped gingham trimmed with ruche braid.

(Central)

**Straight-Line  
House Dresses**

are the most comfortable kind in the opinion of many women. A new dress of blue or pink chambray has a collar and cuffs of white pique and smocking beneath the yoke in front. \$3.

(Central)

**Plenty of Women's  
Shoes Around \$5**

—Black kidskin high-cut lace shoes with welted soles and medium heels are \$4.90 a pair.  
—High lace shoes of dark tan calfskin with cloth tops have welted soles and medium heels. \$5.90 a pair.  
—Black calfskin oxford ties with welted soles and medium or high heels are \$5.90 a pair.  
—Dark tan calfskin pumps with turned soles and covered heels are \$5.40 a pair.

**Good Shoes for the Children**

Shoes, oxford ties and pumps in sizes 6 to 2 are \$2.50 to \$4.00.  
For the small children who wear sizes 2 to 8 there are shoes and ankle-strap pumps from \$1.15 to \$2.50.

Girls' shoes and oxford ties in sizes 2½ to 7 are of black calfskin and dark tan calfskin with sturdy welted soles on wide or medium-toe shapes. \$4.90 to \$5.40.

Boys' shoes of dark tan or black dull leather on English lasts or wider toe shapes are \$3.50 to \$4.90 a pair; in sizes 10 to 6.

(Chestnut)

**Dainty Vesting**

Every woman needs a pretty vest to lighten up a dark frock or add a dainty touch to a light one.

This vesting is formed of row after row of net puffing or organza and lace or fine embroidery to the width of 13½ inches (just enough to fill the front). A quarter of a yard will make a vest. \$2.50 and \$3 a yard.

(Central)

**New Fabric Gloves  
for Women**

Smart-looking, well-made gloves that fit the hand so smoothly come in natural chamois and huck colors with embroidered stitching and in brown with spearpoint stitching in self-colors. They have two clasps and are washable, of course.

\$1.25 a pair. (Central)

**Georgette Crepe  
\$1.85 a Yard**

This pretty material is making more attractive frocks this Spring than ever before. It comes in various shades of blue, henna, gray, sand, black, white, flesh and the gayer evening shades. 40 inches in width.

(Central)

**Batiste Blouses Are  
Fresh as Flowers**

Between \$3.50 and \$4.75 they may be had with flat or roll collars, high collars or without collars.

A pretty style at \$3.50 has little black ribbons at the neck and sleeves.

At the same price, a pretty blouse is trimmed with rose and blue.

One at \$4.50 has a tucked front and back. The high collar, the cuffs and the tucked down front are edged with good imitation filet lace.

Another at the same price has a frill and cuffs edged with pink, blue or lavender.

(Market)

**Women's Silk Top  
Combination Suits  
\$1.50**

The tailored top is of white silk and the rest of the suit is of fine ribbed cotton with tight or shell knees.

Swiss Ribbed Vests  
35c, three for \$1

They are of good quality ribbed cotton with narrow shoulder straps. Regular and extra sizes. (Central)

**Undermuslins Are  
Looking Toward  
Easter**

Most wardrobes, at this season, need freshening and replenishing. Some good suggestions—

A nightgown for \$1 made of pink batiste, hemstitched around the neck and sleeves, has fancy stitching on the front.

A pink satin camisole for \$2. It is neatly hemstitched at the top and finished in front with a tailored bow.

A flesh-color batiste combination includes corset cover and knee knickers. It is attractively trimmed with Val lace and tiny tucks and the knickers are edged with lace. A white model at the same price has an embroidery top.

A flesh-color crepe de chine envelope chemise of good quality is \$3. It is hemstitched at the top and finished with a tiny silk rose where the ribbon straps join the garment.

An envelope chemise of pink crepe de chine with a satin yoke trimmed with fine lace is \$3.85.

(Central)

**WHITE UNDERWEAR CREPE.  
Special at 30c a yard, is a good  
quality, 30 inches wide.**

(Central)

**"Pettibockers"**

is only another name for the long bloomers that are being worn so much beneath the narrow skirts this spring. And they are having a great vogue.

Heavy silk jersey nettibockers in tan, rose, purple, navy, black and taupe have long accordion pleated ruffles inset with bright contrasting colors, at the ankle. \$8.75.

For Evening Wear

a gleaming white satin pettibocker is finished at the ankles with ruffles that look like flower petals. \$6.75.

(Central)

**Special Prices on  
Good Rugs**

Householders who can use rugs in these sizes will save a substantial sum on them.

4.6x7.6 feet, plain blue rag rugs, \$2.75.  
8.3x10.6 feet wool-and-fiber rugs, \$9.75.  
9x12 feet seamless Brussels rugs, \$20 and \$29.50.

9x12 feet seamless Velvet rugs, \$29.50.

(Chestnut)



**Simple Hats With  
Good Lines**

Lines are everything in a hat; they make it or mar it. Smart new hats of correct proportions have just arrived in the Down Stairs Millinery Salons.

They begin with plain, rough straw sailors at \$1 and go upward with enlightening stops at \$3.75, \$5, \$6 and \$8.

The hat sketched is a rolled-brim straw with a low crown and a wide, flat bow of faulle ribbon. The colorings are a delight—all navy or navy with a dove gray bow, all black or black with white, sand, beige, red and brown are the other shades. \$6.

(Market)

**Fresh White Spreads  
for Springtime Beds**

Crochet Spreads

Hemmed spreads for single beds are \$1.85, \$2 and \$2.50; for double beds, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.50. With cut corners, for double beds, they are \$3 and \$3.50. Crib size is \$1 and \$1.25.

Marseilles Spreads

Several patterns in hemmed spreads for single beds are \$3 and \$4; for double beds, \$4, \$4.25, \$5, \$6, \$6.50 and \$7.

Cut-corner spreads, with scalloped edges, are in single-bed size at \$3.50 and double-bed size at \$3.50, \$5, \$6, \$6.50, \$7 and \$7.50.

Bed sets, consisting of a bolster sham and a cut-corner spread in double-bed size, are \$7, \$8.50 and \$10.

Dimity Spreads

Summeriest of all are these light-weight bedspreads in these sizes:

<b>Hemmed</b>	<b>Cut-corners</b>
80x90 inches, \$3	80x99 inches, \$3.25
72x90 inches, \$2.75	72x99 inches, \$3
62x90 inches, \$2.50	

Bed sets with cut-corner spreads for single beds are \$4.50; double beds, \$5.

(Chestnut)

**DRAPERY  
REMNANTS  
HALF PRICE**

A clearing out of all the odd lengths of curtain serims, madras, laces and pretty cretonnes in lengths up to 5 yards.

(Chestnut)

**Cheery White  
Curtains**